UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte DAVID L. BAHR, DOUGLAS W. BAHR, MEENAL V. EKBOTE, and ALEXANDRE OKONECHNIKOV

Appeal 2007-1739 Application 09/497,383 Technology Center 2100

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Before DALE M. SHAW, Chief Appeals Administrator SHAW, Chief Appeals Administrator.

ORDER REMANDING TO EXAMINER

On May 15, 2008, Appellants filed a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181. A review of the file reveals that the Examiner has not entered or considered the Petition filed on May 15, 2008. Before further review of this

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application, this Petition must be considered by the Examiner. Appropriate action is required.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that this application be returned to the Examiner for consideration of the Petition filed May 15, 2008.

If there are any questions pertaining to this order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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